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Reported by: Senator Kilkelly

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 355, L.D. 1174, Bill, "An Act to Enhance Live Animal and Embryo Exports From Maine"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, lines 12 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'The plan must provide for the department to have cost estimates for appropriate facilities and certified staff to perform the following tests:

1. EHD-SN;
2. Vesicular Stomatitis: SN;
3. Leptospirosis - 5 serotypes;
4. VS CF; and
5. BVD/IBR.

The department shall provide an estimate of costs associated with testing capability for the EHD-SN Test and cumulative cost estimates associated with developing testing capability for each of the other 4 tests. Throughout the development of the plan, the department shall consult with potential users of the testing program, including, but not limited to, the following: a Maine farmer engaged in the export of live animals and embryos, representatives of the harness racing and poultry industries and a person with recognized expertise in biotechnology. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may report to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature legislation relating to testing of live animals and embryos for export from the State.'

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will
incur some minor additional costs to develop and submit a
10 required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed
within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment specifies the tests that the plan developed
by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources must
18 include. It requires the department to provide cost estimates
associated with testing capabilities for the 5 tests. It
20 requires the department to consult with a variety of potential
users of the test program and with an expert in the field of
22 biotechnology. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.